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11.1 Colonial Foundations	September	- European colonization in North America prompted cultural contact/exchange; social and racial hierarchies developed regionally.	- Colonization, cultural exchange, hierarchies, indentured servitude, slavery	11.1 COLONIAL FOUNDATIONS (1607– 1763): European colonization in North America prompted cultural contact and exchange between diverse peoples; cultural differences and misunderstandings at times led to conflict. A variety of factors contributed to the development of regional differences, including social and racial hierarchies, in colonial America. (Standards: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Themes: MOV, TCC,	- Analyze primary/secondary sources; evaluate the impact of geography; recognize social and economic factors in colonial development	Contact and exchange shaped diverse societies; economic and social systems developed unevenly in colonies	Document analysis of colonial documents; essays on causes/effects of colonization

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				GEO, GOV, ECO, EXCH)			
11.2 Constitutional Foundations	October	- Political and economic tensions led to independence; challenges in creating a stable federal republic	- Constitution, Articles of Confederation, federalism, Bill of Rights, ratification	11.2 CONSTITUTIONAL FOUNDATIONS (1763 – 1824): Growing political and economic tensions led the American colonists to declare their independence from Great Britain. Once independent, the new nation confronted the challenge of creating a stable federal republic. (Standards: 1, 5; Themes: TCC, GOV, CIV, ECO)	- Evaluate constitutional debates; analyze causes and effects; compare government structures	The Constitution balanced power and individual rights; political compromises shaped government structure.	Debates simulation on Constitution ratification; analysis of Federalist and Anti-Federalist papers

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11.3 Expansion, Nationalism, and Sectionalism	November	- National growth increased sectional tensions, especially over slavery, culminating in Civil War.	- Nationalism, sectionalism, abolitionism, States' rights, secession	11.3 EXPANSION, NATIONALISM, AND SECTIONALISM (1800 – 1865): As the nation expanded, growing sectional tensions, especially over slavery, resulted in political and constitutional crises that culminated in the Civil War. (Standards: 1, 3, 4, 5; Themes: TCC, GEO, GOV, ECO, TECH)	- Compare perspectives; analyze causes and effects; connect geography with historical events	Expansion fueled nationalism and sectionalism; slavery and states' rights led to conflict	Document-based questions on slavery debates; mapping sectional divisions
11.4 Post-Civil War Era	December	- Reconstruction extended constitutional rights but inequality persisted for African Americans, women,	- Reconstruction, 13th-15th Amendments, Black Codes, Jim Crow, suffrage	11.4 POST-CIVIL WAR ERA (1865 – 1900): Reconstruction resulted in political reunion and expanded constitutional rights.	- Analyze legislation and social movements; evaluate impact of policies and discrimination	Constitutional rights expanded but enforcement varied; social justice struggles continued	Case studies on Reconstruction amendments; research projects on civil rights movements

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		Native Americans, and others.		However, those rights were undermined, and issues of inequality continued for African Americans, women, Native Americans, Mexican Americans, and Chinese immigrants. (Standards: 1, 4, 5; Themes: ID, TCC, CIV, ECO)			
11.5 Industrialization and Urbanization	January	- Shift from agrarian to industrial society; new economic opportunities and social problems led to reform efforts.	- Industrialization, urbanization, immigration, labor unions, Progressive Era	11.5 INDUSTRIALIZATION AND URBANIZATION (1870 – 1920): The United States was transformed from an agrarian to an increasingly industrial and urbanized society.	- Analyze technological and economic change; evaluate responses to social problems	Industrial growth transformed society; reform movements addressed inequalities	Document analysis of labor conditions; debates on immigration and urbanization policies

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				Although this transformation created new economic opportunities, it also created societal problems that were addressed by a variety of reform efforts. (Standards: 1, 3, 4, 5; Themes: TCC, GEO, SOC, CIV, TECH)			
11.6 The Rise of American Power	February	- US emerged as world power; debate over overseas expansion and WWI involvement affected society and politics.	- Imperialism, neutrality, Fourteen Points, League of Nations, mobilization	11.6 THE RISE OF AMERICAN POWER (1890 – 1920): Numerous factors contributed to the rise of the United States as a world power. Debates over the United States’ role in	- Investigate foreign policy shifts; analyze war impact on society; evaluate political debates	America’s global role evolved through expansion and war; domestic impact of foreign policy	Essays on imperialism; analysis of WWI causes and effects

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				world affairs increased in response to overseas expansion and involvement in World War I. United States participation in the war had important effects on American society. (Standards: 1, 2, 3, 4: Themes: GEO, SOC, GOV, ECO)			
11.7 Prosperity and Depression	March	- 1920s cultural and economic change; Great Depression's causes and responses reshaped government and society.	- Roaring Twenties, Great Depression, New Deal, Dust Bowl, Prohibition	11.7 PROSPERITY AND DEPRESSION (1920 – 1939): The 1920s and 1930s were a time of cultural and economic changes in the nation. During this period, the nation faced significant domestic challenges, including	- Compare economic policies; analyze cultural shifts; evaluate government intervention	Economic boom and bust cycles; government's role expanded to address crises	Comparative essays on Hoover vs. Roosevelt; projects on cultural changes in 1920s

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				the Great Depression. (Standards: 1, 4; Themes: ID, TCC, SOC, CIV)			
11.8 World War II	March	- US mobilization and involvement in WWII reshaped the nation and its global role.	- Mobilization, internment, atomic bomb, Holocaust, wartime economy	11.8. WORLD WAR II (1935 – 1945): The participation of the United States in World War II was a transformative event for the nation and its role in the world. (Standards: 1, 2; Themes: TCC, GOV, CIV, TECH)	- Analyze war policies and social impact; evaluate human rights issues; examine technological effects	WWII transformed American society and global leadership	Research on homefront contributions; analysis of internment and civil liberties issues
11.9 The Cold War	April	- Cold War tensions shaped US foreign and domestic policy for decades.	- Containment, nuclear arms race, McCarthyism, détente, Vietnam War	11.9 COLD WAR (1945 – 1990): In the period following World War II, the United States entered into an	- Trace policy development; analyze ideological conflicts; evaluate domestic impacts	Cold War defined US global stance and internal politics	Document analysis of Cold War events; debates on US foreign policy

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				extended era of international conflict called the Cold War which influenced foreign and domestic policy for more than 40 years. (Standards: 1, 2, 3; Themes: TCC, GOV, ECON)			
11.10 Social and Economic Change/Domestic Issues	May	- Efforts to address inequalities and debates over the government's role in economy and social welfare.	- Civil Rights Movement, feminism, social safety net, immigration, economic policy	11.10 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE/DOMESTIC ISSUES (1945 – present): Racial, gender, and socioeconomic inequalities were addressed by individuals, groups, and organizations. Varying political	- Analyze social movements; evaluate policy debates; examine government programs	Social change driven by activism; government's role in economy is contested	Research projects on civil rights; analysis of economic policy debates

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				philosophies prompted debates over the role of the federal government in regulating the economy and providing a social safety net. (Standards: 1, 4, 5; Themes: ID, TCC, SOC, GOV, CIV, ECO)			
11.11 The U.S. in a Globalizing World	June	- US role in global politics and economy challenged by conflicts, competition, and globalization.	- Globalization, terrorism, economic competition, foreign policy, multinational corporations	11.11 THE UNITED STATES IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD (1990 – present) The United States’ political and economic status in the world has faced external and internal challenges related to	- Investigate global interactions; analyze economic and political challenges; evaluate US foreign policy	Globalization reshapes US influence and domestic policy	Case studies on 9/11 and War on Terror; economic impact analysis of globalization

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